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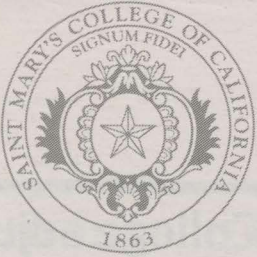
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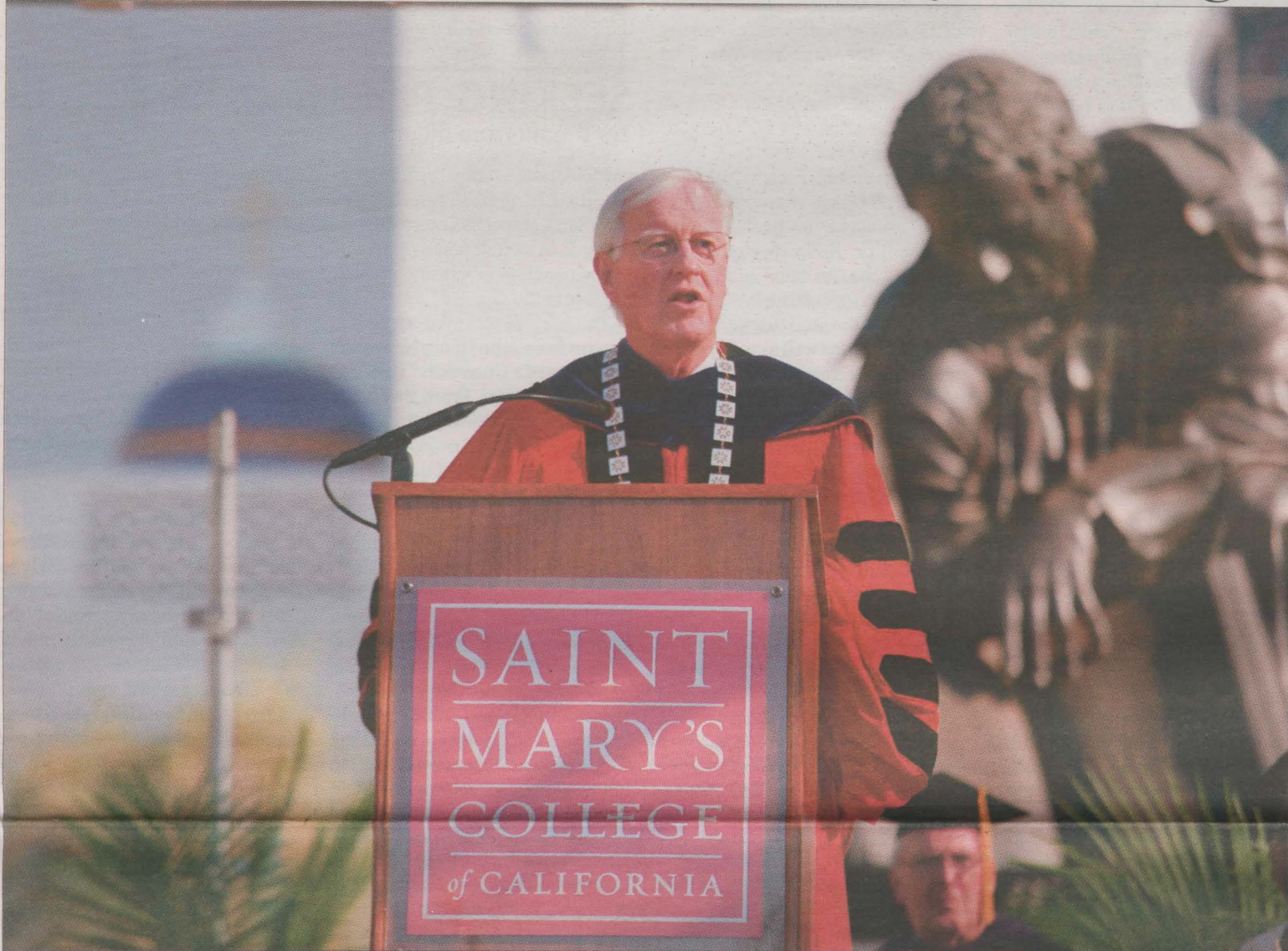




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## James A. Donahue inaugurated as the 29th President of Saint Mary's College



(Andrew Nguyen/COLLEGIAN)

### The first non Christian Brother president took the helm on Friday

BY MADDI LARSEN  
STAFF WRITER

This past Friday, the Chapel lawn was adorned with a stage and many chairs for what would be the historical event of the year: the inauguration of our new president, James A. Donahue. Donahue is officially Saint Mary's 29th president, and our first president who is not a Christian Brother. The event in totality was put together very well and even included musical performances from both Saint Mary's Jazz Band and Chamber Singers. Some speakers include Donahue's son Nicholas

Donahue, Robert Hass, a renowned alumni of the college, and Reverend Leo O'Donovan, who is the President Emeritus of Georgetown University.

Even though he was just inaugurated on Friday, Donahue has been in residency at Saint Mary's since July 1. This weekend also happened to be Parents and Family Weekend, so many parents, as well as alumni, witnessed this event. From the blessing of the medallion, which contains the inscribed names of all 29 presidents, to the inaugural address itself, it was a wonderful way to bring all of the Saint Mary's

community together and was also a reminder to be proud to belong to Saint Mary's College. The inauguration wasn't just about President Donahue, it was about passing on the legacy that the Brothers began in 1863 in San Francisco.

In his speech, Brother Michael Meister stressed how important this school was to the eight Brothers who started it, and how happy they would be to see just how far it has come, especially now that President Donahue is leading it. The many alumni who were there represented a living image of how Saint Mary's has become a home

for so many people, and how proud these alums and future alums are to have Donahue at the helm.

The parents who attended also seemed impressed by the inauguration. Some parents who only knew about Saint Mary's from what is advertised on the website were exceptionally impressed that their children were attending the College. Having the inauguration during Parents Weekend was a great idea for this very reason. It reassures parents that their child made an excellent decision choosing Saint Mary's College of California as their school. **see INAUGURATION, page 3**

## New class schedules explained by credits

### Extra minutes to classes allow more opportunity for students

BY AUDREY AGOT  
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

This school year, Saint Mary's students find themselves in class five minutes longer than usual. In the classes of previous years, students were free to go after an hour. Now, as one hour winds down, there are five more minutes to go. This change has been met with mixed reviews by students and faculty alike, but ultimately, the decision was made for the betterment of Saint Mary's. In an interview with The Collegian, Vice Provost Richard Carp shared the details behind the decision making process and some of the effects that the time change has on Saint Mary's.

When asked what prompted the

discussion of changing the class schedule, Carp spoke of the United States Department of Education's (USDE) formal definition of the credit hour, which until 2010, hadn't been defined. This, in addition to other regulations, went into effect on July 1, 2011. With that, Saint Mary's, as well as other institutions, began to investigate the relationship between time spent in class and the newly defined credit hour. Of this investigation, Carp commented, "This was especially complex because we had to translate our 36 course requirement into credit hour equivalents."

In terms of numbers, a bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College is equivalent to 126 credit hours, which are used on transcripts to determine

transfers into—and out of—the College. When the administration applied the new federal standard, the College's class schedule was totaled at 120 credit hours, as opposed to the 126 requirement. This presented the faculty with two options: keep the customary class schedule and reduce the degree requirements to 120 credit hours, or increase contact hours (time spent in class) to meet the equivalent of 126 hours. They opted for the second route and in doing so had two choices again: to either increase the amount time spent in class by either hours in a day or days on the calendar.

In order to stick to the 4-1-4 calendar (four courses during the fall and spring semesters, one course

during January Term), and end the school year before Memorial Day, the faculty chose to add more time to the undergraduate classes. Now, each full class equals 3.5 credit hours and with the 36 course requirement to graduate, this now equals 126 credit hours.

Five additional minutes may not seem like much, but a lot of thought and deliberation was put into the process. When asked how he felt this change benefits Saint Mary's students, Carp answered, "The primary benefit to students is the devotion of a slightly larger amount of time and focus on their coursework, both from faculty and from students themselves."

Professor Hilda Ma of Saint Mary's College's English Department expressed similar sentiments regarding the new class schedule: **see CREDITS, page 2**

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## Symposium seeks to answer the unanswerable

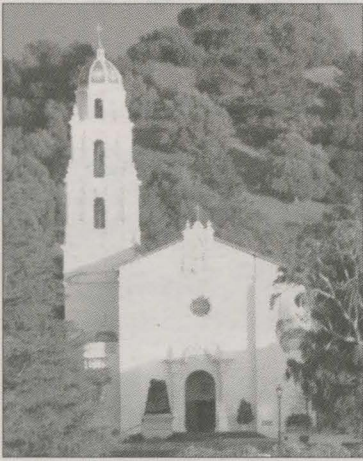
BY CJ COSAS  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"All you really need is a teacher, a student, and a stump for them to sit on." That was just one comment made by Monsignor Robert Sheeran and just one of the many ideas that were discussed during the Presidential Symposium last Thursday. For the symposium, a panel of students, faculty, and special guests were gathered together to answer a single question: "Catholic Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century: Who Cares?" There were three special guests for this panel, which included Saint Mary's President James Donahue, the former President of Seton Hall, Monsignor Robert Sheeran, and the President of the University of San Diego, Dr. Mary Lyons. There were also two faculty members on the panel: Brother Mark McVann from the theology and religious Studies department and Professor Raina Leon from Kalmanovitz School of Education. Finally, to round off the panel, four students were included: William Besson, Sarah Woolston, Robert Tabor, and William Conable.

Although the event was technically a symposium, in the spirit of Saint Mary's, the decision was made to make the event more like a seminar. Stephen Woolpert, the dean of the School of Liberal Arts, explained the decision to make it like a seminar session because the seminar program is an "...emblematic and distinctive quality of Saint Mary's education." Additionally, the event wanted to encourage audience **see SEEKING, page 2**



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while others wait,  
To create a positive force in a world  
where cynics abound,  
To provide information to people  
when it wasn't available before,  
To offer those who want it,  
a choice—"*

—TED TURNER

## Germany comes to Saint Mary's

BY SARA DESANTIS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

How many students can say they had the opportunity to compete in a stein holding contest on a normal Wednesday afternoon? Not many, which is why the students of Saint Mary's are lucky that the German Club has been throwing an Oktoberfest event during Community Time every year since the mid-2000s.

Historically, Oktoberfest grew from a traditional Bavarian festival that started in 1810 to become the world's largest fair held annually in Munich in late September through early October, welcoming more than six million people from around the world.

Even though students at the College could not drink their own steins of beer, the German Club brought games and traditional food to engage students in the frivolity and also to promote their club. Hungry students lined up for an Oktoberfest-themed barbeque with traditional Bavarian cuisine including soft pretzels, potato pancakes, sausage, and beef stew. The German Club centered the festival in Ferroggiaro Quad, holding various games to keep the crowd entertained. With jaunty traditional Bavarian music playing, students cheered on their friends as they competed in root beer chugging, stein holding, and pretzel eating contests for gift cards to Chipotle.

Professor Caralinda Lee, who is part of the department of modern languages, has taught all levels of German language and the capstone German course at the College for over 25 years, and has been the faculty advisor for the German Club since its inception in 2006, explained the importance of bringing Bavarian culture to the community: "Our main purpose is to raise the awareness of, and share with students at Saint Mary's, the role and importance of German and German speaking cultures in the world."

President of the German Club, Steven Koll, who is a senior Politics major and German minor, echoed Professor Lee's statement, adding, "Since there are many language and cultural clubs or classes offered at Saint Mary's, I believe that the

German Club is a great club to have. Many of the German students as well as other interested students have access to more information and fun German events related to modern German culture and its language."

"A recent Saint Mary's student back from studying in Berlin said his time there was 'life changing,'" Professor Lee concluded. "Much of the United States, and especially young people on the west coast (and at Saint Mary's), are totally unaware of any of this, so our club tries its best to bring this information to our community here."

Cultural clubs such as the German Club play a valuable role on campus in bringing diversity to the community. Koll reflected on the future of the German Club, saying, "The continuity of the club relies on the interests of students and I hope that this year, as well as many years ahead, the German Club will be able to shine a brighter light on some of the events we have planned for the coming year."

For students who enjoyed the Oktoberfest events last Wednesday, future German Club events to remember include two upcoming fundraisers in November and early spring, as well as a panel discussion in late second semester. Before then, Professor Lee and Koll encourage students who are interested in the history and tradition of Bavarian culture or want to understand their German ancestry to seek the club on the College's Student Participation & Organization Tool (SPOT) site, or on the club's Facebook page (St. Mary's German Club).

Koll expressed his admiration of the German Club: "The best thing is the general atmosphere exhibited during events and meetings. Many students have great ideas and members feel a familial tone whenever we meet since everybody knows or comes to know other members very quickly." Students may not have an opportunity to experience Oktoberfest in Germany, but the German Club will continue to offer an invaluable way for the community to connect over experiencing and understanding a historical and respected culture.

## CREDITS: Can the College adjust?

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"Now as we approach mid-semester and my adjustments are becoming habit, I don't mind – or notice – the extra [time] as much. It might even be a blessing because it's allowing me to experiment with my lesson plans." She shared that, with this extra time, she can include group activities and screen film clips into her courses. On the schedule itself, she commented, "It's new, and like many things, it

takes time to adjust."

Regarding whether any effects of the change can be seen this far through the semester, Carp acknowledged that adjustment can be difficult: "With the inauguration of a new [school] president, and other changes at the College this fall, it's hard to isolate the effects of this change, although I know it's always awkward to learn a new pattern."

## SEEKING: Panel finds hard truths

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participation, so audience members could sit in specially designated chairs and, at specific intervals, were allowed to switch places with one of the panel members and actively partake in the discussion.

The discussion started by using an excerpt from John Henry Newman's "The Idea of a University" (1858) as their foundation. From there, the participants took on and discussed a variety of issues regarding the goals of the liberal arts and if the Catholic and Lasallian traditions of schools such as Saint Mary's are still relevant within modern society. The first thing the participants honed in on was a line from Newman's text that explained that the search for both knowledge and God are not isolated from each other, but are instead integrated in a myriad of ways. Similarly, the liberal arts and Catholic traditions are not to be separated. Rather, they need to be integrated to form not just knowledgeable individuals, but also wholesome and just ones as well. Brother Mark McVann phrased this idea simply, yet eloquently: "The classes we teach, the disciplines in which we work, and the whole en-

terprise of the college is an exercise of hope." He continued, "We want to raise [students'] hopes above getting a good job; what we want for them is to aim higher." There is no guarantee in teaching, even with Lasallian goals and values, but the value of a Catholic liberal arts school is that it teaches in the hopes that individuals will internalize more than just knowledge; there is more to life than just having a good job and both the Liberal arts and Catholic teachings – especially when combined – strive to teach that.

This discussion, however, had only scratched the surface. As President Donahue pointed out early in the discussion, "People have always tried to solve the mysteries of life. And even when we find truth and when we find God, we will still find ourselves searching again." Their search for truth and for how education can be or lead to a search for God was just the beginning. Perhaps Dr. Mary Lyons summarized the discussion best when she stated, "... to create and to explore all of that [wisdom, knowledge, and traditions] together is the hallmark of Catholic higher education."



(Sara DeSantis/COLLEGIAN)

## Crime Beat

10/04/2013 2:27 a.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Underage drinking and noise curfew violation in Mitty Hall; referred to Community Life

10/05/2013 1:38 a.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Underage drinking in Mitty Hall; referred to Community Life and Health & Wellness Center

10/05/2013 5:35 p.m.

Incident: Fire Alarm

Synopsis: Smoke detector set off by use of hairspray in Guerrieri East; referred to Community Life and Facilities Services

10/05/2013 11:24 p.m.

Incident: Student Handbook Violation

Synopsis: Underage possession/consumption of alcohol in Justin

Hall; referred to Community Life

10/06/2013 11:13 p.m.

Incident: Information

Synopsis: Burning debris in barbeque pit by De La Salle Hall; referred to Community Life

10/07/2013 4:03 p.m.

Incident: Information only

Synopsis: Hit and run – denting and scraping to rear passenger door and fender by North Claes; suspended

10/08/2013 8:48 a.m.

Incident: Fire Alarm

Synopsis: Active fire – stove top left on in Aquinas Hall; referred to Community Life and Facilities Services

10/08/2013 7:20 p.m.

Incident: Information

Synopsis: Suspicious person – later identified in De La Salle Hall; referred to Community Life

10/09/2013 11:06 p.m.

Incident: Information

Synopsis: Broken window (non-criminal) in Thille Hall; referred to Community Life and Facilities Services

10/09/2013

(Incident occurred 10/06/2013 @ 1:34 a.m.)

Incident: Informational

Synopsis: Physical altercation in Thille Hall Parking Lot; referred to Community Life and Moraga Police

10/09/2013

(Incident occurred 10/03/2013 @ 11:15 p.m.)

Incident: Informational

Synopsis: Intoxicated female – no transport, in McKeon Pavilion; referred to Community Life

10/09/2013 12:08 p.m.

Incident: Medical Call

Synopsis: Employee injury (fall) – transported to John Muir Hospital; referred to Human Resources and

Loss Prevention

10/9/2013 3:30 p.m.

Incident: Fire Alarm

Synopsis: Food cooking set off alarm; in Guerrieri East referred to Community Life and Facilities Services

10/09/2013 11:57 p.m.

Incident: Medical Assistance

Synopsis: Student with nose bleed in Justin Hall transported to Kaiser Hospital; referred to Community Life and Health & Wellness Center

10/09/2013 6:49 p.m.

Incident: Fire Alarm

Synopsis: False alarm in Aquinas Hall – referred to Community Life and Facilities Services

10/11/2013 6:55 p.m.

Incident: Burglar Alarm

Synopsis: Contractor set off alarm in Hearst Art Gallery; referred to Facilities Services

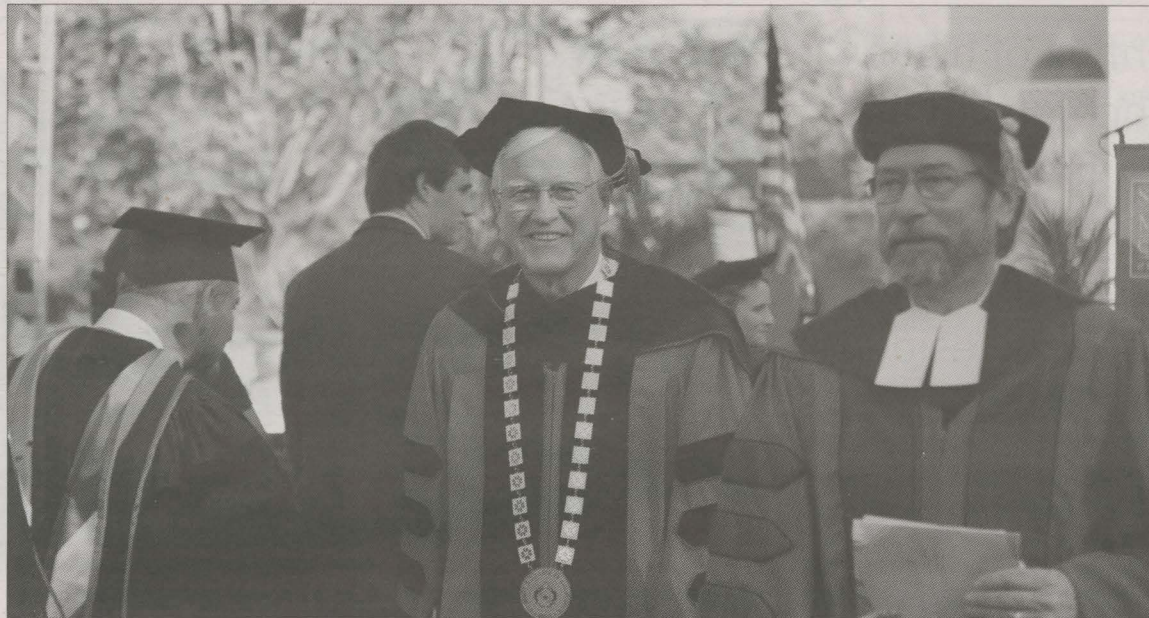


# News

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Altogether, it was a great and historical ceremony. It reassured the Saint Mary's community of students, alumni, faculty, and family members that Saint Mary's is in good hands and shall be lead on to see a bright future. The inauguration emphasized what makes Saint Mary's such a good school, and surely made students both new and old proud to be a Gael. This school has a lot of potential being lead by President Donahue, and this ceremony clearly represented that. This inauguration welcomed its 29th president to the College but it also brought the Saint Mary's community together to remind us all that we are a part of something truly great.



(Andrew Nguyen/COLLEGIAN)

## What is the value of public service?

BY GABI REYES-ACOSTA  
NEWS EDITOR

What is the value of public service? Is it something that can be measured and weighed by the dollars in one's bank account, or the size of the house they own? The images of the poor public servant or the starving do-gooder are images that pervade our minds, leading most of us to believe that the value of public service is not significant enough to sustain a life on.

In many ways, this is true, but at last Tuesday's talk on the value of public service, Christopher Lu discussed why the benefits of service outweigh the costs. He told the audience that it was about weighing between one's "desire to do good, and their desire to do well." The difference between the two, it would seem, would be a lifetime working

towards a common good, instead of simply donating a few hours or dollars every month as most people are wont to do.

Lu, who served as cabinet secretary for President Barack Obama from 2009-2013, made it clear that the life of the public servant does not mean a life of poverty. He explained how one could get paid to do what they are passionate about, an idea that seemed almost completely foreign to the college students in the audience, as many students are riddled with anxieties about where or whether they can get a job once they graduate.

Lu discussed a variety of topics, using his own life as a framework. Lu, the son of Chinese immigrants who came to the United States to attend college, was raised with the notion that what he was given and what he has earned in his educa-

tion and life is a blessing, something that he must work to help others achieve too. An easy Google search will reveal a lot about Lu: how he attended Princeton, then later attended Harvard, and even where he was classmates with President Obama. The Internet will tell about his time with Obama's senate campaign and later his presidency; it will even detail how he helped Obama on his road to the Oval Office.

What may not be so easily found is Lu's emphasis on his early life, which he expounded upon in his talk. He stressed the importance of knowing "where we come from, understanding the meaning of that sacrifice." Lu told the audience that many, if not most of us, have a story not unlike his: a story of a family from another country who comes to America seeking something better. His father raised him to believe that his "education was not a privilege, it's an inheritance."

In discussing why he went into public service and why he encourages others to serve as well, Lu brought up the American dream, an ideal that he was quick to point out is "not a reality" for most Americans. Heads nodded as he explained how it is nearly impossible in this country for any notable amount of upward mobility. Low income families often stay low income, and he expressed worries about the people of the United States — people who have become more and more individualistic and seem to care less and less about helping others.

"Public service is a mindset," Lu said, leaning towards the audience. "You don't have to take a vow of poverty to be in public service." Helping others, and the awareness that, as Lu put it, "we are only as strong as our weakest individual," are things that Americans need to remember more, especially if we are to survive as a country.

## The Lounge returns to encourage creative student expression

BY NIKKI MUNSAYAC  
STAFF WRITER

The first Lounge of the school year was held on Thursday, Oct. 11 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the Intercultural Center. The Lounge was founded due to discriminatory acts, which led to an Out the Hate rally. This year, Tricia Savelli, Amber Butts, Danielle Cordova, Dylan Kane, and Viviana Garcia run the Lounge. It is held almost every

month, at least three times a semester, though it varies because the Lounge competes for space in the IC. Over the summer, the Lounge Committee went to New Orleans through the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, also known as NCORE, and were inspired to bring more diversity to Saint Mary's through The Lounge. This is actually the first year the Lounge

is a club at Saint Mary's, so they are going to try to do more outdoor collaboration and even have open mic.

Since it is now officially a club, hopefully there will be more events being held this school year. Its motive is to create a safe space for students to express themselves through poetry, rap, beat boxing, comedy, music, interpretation of painting, and so much more. The Lounge is great way to see more

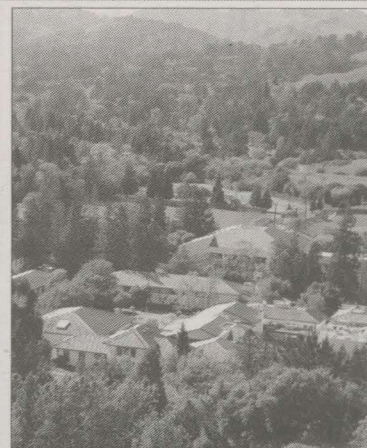
of what kind of community Saint Mary's is. It's a chance to have fun, be creative, enjoy other talents, pass no judgments, see impressive acts, get inspiration, have live entertainment, and be surrounded by a great atmosphere.

Sophomore Selena Gilbert performed for the first time at The Lounge. After her performance, she said, "I had a really hard time performing in front of my peers, but it was great because I had a lot of support."

Another first time performer did three spoken word pieces. Sophomore Alana Csaposs states, "It was the best time of my life. It was such a supportive community, especially for my first time performing. I really loved it; it was like being with my family."

Recently an incident happened where a performer didn't follow the safe zone rule, so now the Lounge is making sure the acts are more structured in a way that there's no targeting language and everyone in the audience feels comfortable.

If people want to perform at the Lounge, they can contact Dylan Kane or the heads of the club through email or their Facebook page. Be on the look out for when the next Lounge will be held to see the many talents here at Saint Mary's and one of the most interesting events on campus. After attending the Lounge, you will want to return, like Sophomore Lisa Popylisen when she commented, "I want to come all the time now."



## Campus Calendar

### Rachets, Hussies, & Ho's – Oh My!

Tuesday, October 15  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Women's Resource Center  
Contact Michelle Dimmet  
x8545

### The Scientist as Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, October 15  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact Berna Aksu  
bp4@stmarys-ca.edu

### Rethinking Pink Breast Cancer Luncheon

Wednesday, October 16  
12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact Women's Resource Center  
x4192

### Student Recital Series

Wednesday, October 16  
1:15-3:15 p.m.  
Soda Center  
Contact Martin Rokeach  
x4682

### Sikh, Muslim, and War on Terror

Wednesday, October 16  
6:45-8:30 p.m.  
Hagerty Lounge  
Contact Mission & Ministry Center  
x4672

### Red, White, and Blue Dance

Friday, October 18  
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.  
McKeon Pavilion  
Contact CAB  
x4146

## Essay/Video Contest

**As a way of widening the discussion of what it means for Saint Mary's College to be a Catholic College, the Bishop John S. Cummins Institute for Catholic Thought, Culture, and Action will sponsor a contest this year for the best response to the question of "A Catholic College: Why It Matters." Response may be in the form of an essay, or a video production or other artistic medium.**

- There are three divisions of entries: undergraduate, graduate student, faculty/staff. Due date March 1, 2014; winners announced during De la Salle Week.
- Length: Minimum of 4500 words for essay or 5 minutes for video.
- Prizes: undergraduate, \$1,000.00; graduate \$1,000.00; faculty/staff \$500.00.

### Planning an event?

### Want it in The Collegian?

E-mail us with the details of your event at: smccollegian@gmail.com or call for more information: (925) 631-4279

Due to space limitations, we cannot list individual club meetings.



# OPINION

## Chivalry isn't dead; it's for everyone

BY CAITLIN MCLAIN  
STAFF WRITER

The phrase "Chivalry is dead and feminism killed it" has been tossed around many times. An article from "Psychology of Women Quarterly" defined acts of chivalry as "benevolent sexism." First off, what is chivalry and is it really dead? Second, since when did chivalrous acts become sexist? Chivalry is defined as "the medieval knightly system with its religious, moral, and social code." Therefore, if a man abides by chivalry, he is chivalrous which means he "behaves in an honorable or polite way, especially toward women, and shows respect," according to Merriam-Webster's definition.

Do men in the twenty-first century still behave in this manner? Do they open doors for women like they used to? Do they pull out the chair before she sits down? Do they bring flowers and put their coat over her shoulders if she is cold? I know there are many men who are kind and courteous to women, but I fear that men in this generation are not as chivalrous as they used to be.

However, feminism should not be a reason or an excuse for chivalry to die. Society has evolved and changed since the feminist movement. For over 40 years the feminist movement has been a major part of our culture. I believe that there has been a shift in male and female attitudes, and even more so today with the "Me" generation, which consists of selfish, power hungry individuals wanting instant gratification and satisfaction. This has made it harder for women to shed the 1950s cliché of a stereotypical housewife, which consists of cooking, cleaning, and raising children. But the women in the 1950s were treated with respect and men were chivalrous. So, after the feminist movement, did women just shed their delicate image and their need for male tenderness with it?

I don't believe so; women just wanted the same opportunities as men. So why should equal opportunity result in a lack of respect and chivalrous treatment from men? Just because women can have the same opportunities as men, doesn't mean they shouldn't be treated with respect.

So if feminism isn't killing chivalry then what is? Maybe it's the men who have abused chivalry. Chivalry is being a gentleman, not having ulterior motives, and knowing when to take cues from the situation at hand. So what is chivalry in the 21st century? Chivalry today is more a way of life than a list of acts that signify a man as being chivalrous. Maybe chivalry is stepping outside of one's comfort zone to put someone else's happiness over your own. Feminism might have altered the rules of chivalry slightly but I certainly do not believe that it has killed chivalry. The next time you notice a woman going into a building, hold the door open. If she tells you not to hold open the door then respect her wishes and don't open the door, because listening to her request is chivalry as well.

To put it simply, chivalry is just respecting others' wishes and maybe it shouldn't only be applied to men. Women can be chivalrous too, and everyone deserves to be treated with respect and the utmost politeness.

## Oakland's gentrification: a complicated, growing issue

### Influx of higher income families is making the city too expensive for its low income residents

BY GABI REYES-ACOSTA  
NEWS EDITOR

To the rest of the world, Oakland is a place of violence. Gangs, drugs, and rampant crime plague the East Bay city. People fear for their lives and purses while walking down the street, wondering if they will make it to the relative safety of their parked cars. Oakland is not a vibrant city. It is not a hub of arts, culture, and music — populated by people who come from different countries and backgrounds and who all seek to find the ubiquitous "American Dream." Oakland is a place to be scared of, a place that should be fixed with band aids and money and an influx of people who care little for the residents and culture of the historic city.

None of the things already mentioned are black and white, cookie cutter true. These blanket assumptions and generalizations, declared as fact and with terrifying ease, depict Oakland as the dark place that has been described. These generalizations have led to the idea that the hyper gentrification of Oakland, a development that is being pushed forth by real estate investment firms, businesses seeking to move into Oakland, and the individuals



IN OAKLAND, restored houses make neighborhoods look nice, but drive lower income residents away. (Courtesy of friedmanrealtor.com)

who hope to move into Oakland neighborhoods for the "chicness" of living in such an urban setting, is a good thing. In an article published in August in the Wall Street Journal, this idea was expounded upon when the reporter followed an investment firm that "beautified" West Oakland neighborhoods by planting trees and upgrading the neighborhood, all to attract higher-income residents.

The strategy of this investment firm and those like it is not philanthropic by any means, and it epitomizes gentrification. Gentrification, to be clear, is when urban areas that are populated by low-income residents are restored to bring in wealthier residents. These residents, and the businesses and restaurants that follow them, drive housing prices up for those who have been living in the neighborhood prior to the restorations. On the surface, fixing up run-down and old neighborhoods seems like a good idea. Yet, it all starts to get difficult to swallow

when one realizes that these residential changes are not just the fruit of wealthy people and poor people, and that it is all connected to socioeconomic status and, ultimately, race. When people talk about the displacement of poorer residents in a neighborhood that has undergone gentrification, they are also talking about the loss of people of color, which in Oakland often means black or Latino. It's an uncomfortable truth, but one that is very real for those who live in Oakland.

It's easy to simply throw up our hands and give up. It is easy to think that gentrification is a horrible thing. Walking through Oakland, down Telegraph past the wig stores, the drive ins, and the new hipster coffee shops, one cannot help but experience a sort of cognitive dissonance. The fact that struggling minority families and middle and upper middle class white families live not just down the street, but now next door to each other, is almost surreal.

It's not necessarily bad or good, but an event that is shifting the face of Oakland. On one hand, it is terrible that low income, often immigrant families may be driven out by high prices that they cannot afford. On the other hand, the very real problems with drugs and gangs can really only be fixed when communities grow more prosperous. Wealthier residents bring along higher housing costs, but they also bring money that can be used for good, money that can be put into the struggling Oakland Unified School District.

The neighborhoods that we grow up in and the homes that we live in all shape who we are. Gentrification and all of the many things that come along with it is hefty and complicated. By driving housing prices up, it drives people out. Oakland is not a paradise, but it is a home for thousands of people. One can only hope that the money considerably wealthier residents bring in will not hurt, but help, this vibrant city.

## Growth affects academics

### English department's classes impacted

BY TORI STRINGER  
ASSISTANT OPINION WRITER

Saint Mary's College has been attracting more students each year, which is wonderful for the school because it means more money and growth. However, while the school's population is expanding, the campus isn't. The campus is affected by the growing student body, evident in the parking and housing issues most students are well aware of. The effects felt by academic departments individually, though, are sometimes overlooked. I am sure every department is feeling the effects of student population growth, and it is definitely felt in the English department.

Despite the misconception that English majors never get jobs or make any money, the English department here has been growing and expanding — at the least the number of students has. More people are becoming English majors or minors every year, but that doesn't mean we get more professors or classes to accommodate them. Each semester, I hear people complaining they couldn't get a class they needed because it filled up and there wasn't another option for them. The English department only offers so many classes each semester; some only get offered once a year or every other year. This not only makes registration a struggle for English majors and minors, but also means the classes are over packed. In one class last semester, which had a full waitlist, I sat on the counter on the

side of the room due to a shortage of space at the tables. I was lucky to be allowed into the class, while most were turned away. This semester I have a course in a tiny classroom with so many desks packed into it that you cannot move. The professor mentioned on the first day that we weren't allowed to ask to switch rooms because none were available.

All of my English major friends are already considering what to take next semester, making the competition evident. The English department released its course catalog for the entire year last spring, so students are gearing up to fight their friends for the coveted spots in popular classes. With little or no hope of there being any classes added to the list, the future does not look bright.

Something must be done about this rising demand. These issues aren't unique to the English department. I've heard from others that they have just as much trouble getting into their classes. For some majors, if there is a class they must take, they are usually let in. English majors who don't get into a class when they want are told to take it later, which keeps them from getting preferred courses and professors. While asking for such selectivity may be too much, it's not unreasonable to request a number of classes proportionate to the student population. This is not something the English department can fix by itself, nor is it their fault. We need to work together to accommodate the growing number of students pouring in.

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# OPINION

## Government shutdown affects military families and students

Families panic as they lose jobs and students fear loss of funds if the shutdown is not resolved soon

BY MADISON CHASTAIN  
STAFF WRITER

As a former active duty military dependent, and one who has been able to afford Saint Mary's College thanks to money my dad received from the military, I can't explain the level of panic I felt the morning I woke up to the news of the government shutdown. I called my dad faster than ever before and tried not to sound too worried. But when he told me that my monthly stipend from the U.S. Department of Veterans

Affairs would not be affected, I was beyond relieved.

However, I was not wrong in worrying about the state of military family affairs as a result of the shutdown. There have been dozens of program closures, monetary holds, and a depletion of funds.

The number frequently tossed around by mass media is that over 800,000 government employees have been furloughed. Many of these are members of military families. 99 percent of the employees working at a commissary (a military grocery store on base) are military family members. All state-side commissaries are closed, and thus these people who are doing their duty of providing for their families and families of those providing for their country, are laid off. Family advocacy programs and support centers, which provide counseling and treatment for those affected by post-traumatic stress disorder and the hardship of deployment

— all closed.

Military treatment facilities and hospitals have drastically reduced their hours, almost exclusively treating emergency instances. On the topic of deployment and orders for permanent change of station (to civilians, the equivalent of "moving

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around a lot"), while resources for those overseas, such as commissaries and family programs, are not closed, all orders for PCS are halted. That means that families who, just prior to the

government shutdown, were all packed up and ready to move, or families whose spouses and children have quit their jobs and changed schools have nothing to do but wait for the green light. Men and women waiting to return home from wherever they may be are forced to stay separated from their loved ones that much longer.

Military recruiting and reserve training has been put on hold unless it is vital to conditions of National Security. That means that in this time of college applications, many students who could be spending their time talking to recruiters and planning their futures are left confused. With the VA's call center closed, those with inquiries have no means of getting a hold of them. So if I or any other "VA kid" here at the College has a problem with getting proof of tuition money, we have no one to refer to.

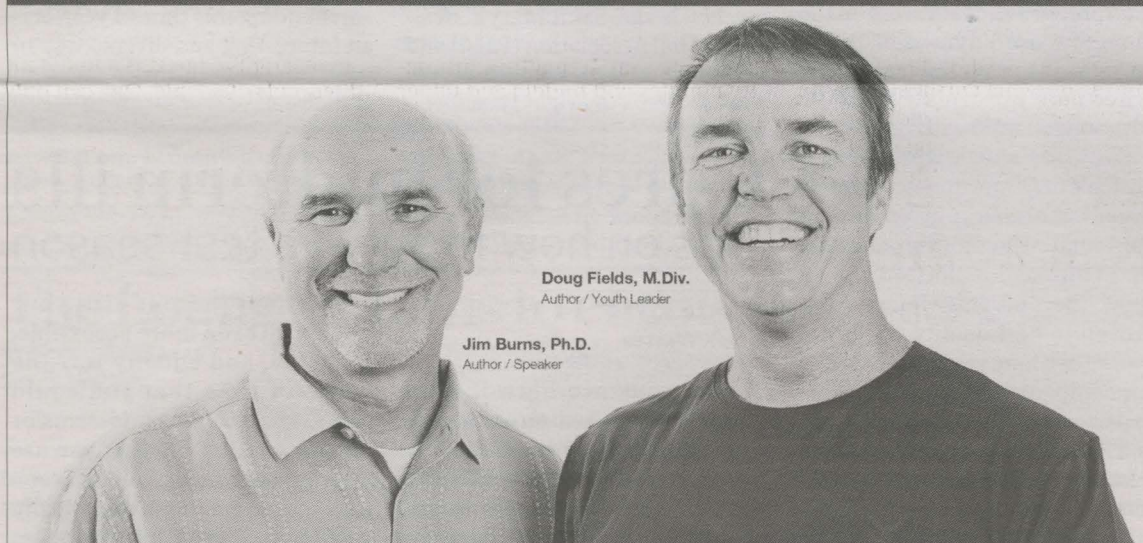
The VA in general has suffered quite the blow. If the

shutdown continues, I'll need to start considering alternative means of paying for tuition. Claims processing payments on VA disability, education, and rehabilitation are good through October. But around that time, funds will start to deplete and it is then that students who rely on this money will begin to panic; and it's not just students. 3.6 million people rely on VA funds, and even more on government funding in general. These people used to be my neighbors and they are yours as well. If you ever received free or reduced lunch, you are looking at a service that has been closed.

Little things like these make this government shutdown very close to home. It is not just a headline on our home page when we open Google Chrome; it is a problem we need to pray is soon resolved. The consequences won't just be another number or statistic; it could determine whether or not students will have the money for college.

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## New app reveals our addiction

People become dependent on their smartphones

BY EVELYN MINAISE  
ASSISTANT CULTURE EDITOR

It's time to admit it: we're addicted.

Buzzfeed recently published an article about an Android app that counts how many times the average person locks and unlocks their screen and concluded that the average user unlocks his or her phone 110 times per day. Most of the activity occurred in the early evenings, with the highest statistic reaching 900 unlocks in one single day.

We're not necessarily obsessed with our phones. Smartphones are incredibly useful and keep technology as fast-paced as it is — hopefully always moving forward. But I do believe the advent of smartphones has led us to be dependent on their presence in our lives, meaning we rely on having our smartphones with us as security blankets more than we rely on the practical functions of the phone.

I decided to try it for myself and count how many times I unlock my phone, counting my usage on my hand for everyone to see and as a reminder for myself, something along the lines of *The Scarlet Letter*.

I found that I picked up my phone, unlocked it, and used it over 50 times; but even more frequently, I pressed my home button without actually unlocking my phone. I wanted to make sure I had not missed a notification or to check the time — basically, I was looking for a distraction. Because of this, yes, my phone usage added up to the average as reported on BuzzFeed. I would have expected a higher count, honestly, had I not been so busy

last Thursday, which was the day I was counting my usage.

I asked my friend Megan Keohane to observe and record her cell phone usage that day as well, but she does not have a smart-

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phone. Megan reported back to me at the end of the day that she picked up her phone around 30 times. She noticed that she only did so when her phone buzzed or when she was leaving a class so that she didn't miss a call or message when her phone was on silent.

As soon as Megan told me how many times she had checked her phone, I felt incredibly trapped. I had never thought I was addicted to my phone because I could always go camping on a weekend with no signal or forget about it at a retreat, but I was dependent on it to feel whole in my daily life. In fact, that day I had forgotten my phone on the way to an event and, once I realized it, ran back to my room to make sure I hadn't lost it. If it wasn't in my bag, then surely it was still in my room. So why the panic?

I suppose the average person who uses their phone well over 110 times a day is a bit too reliant in the subtlest of ways. I'm somewhat horrified at what I've come to realize but understand it better, too. The biggest takeaway I see, then, is to focus more on the present rather than living it through pointless virtual check-ins.

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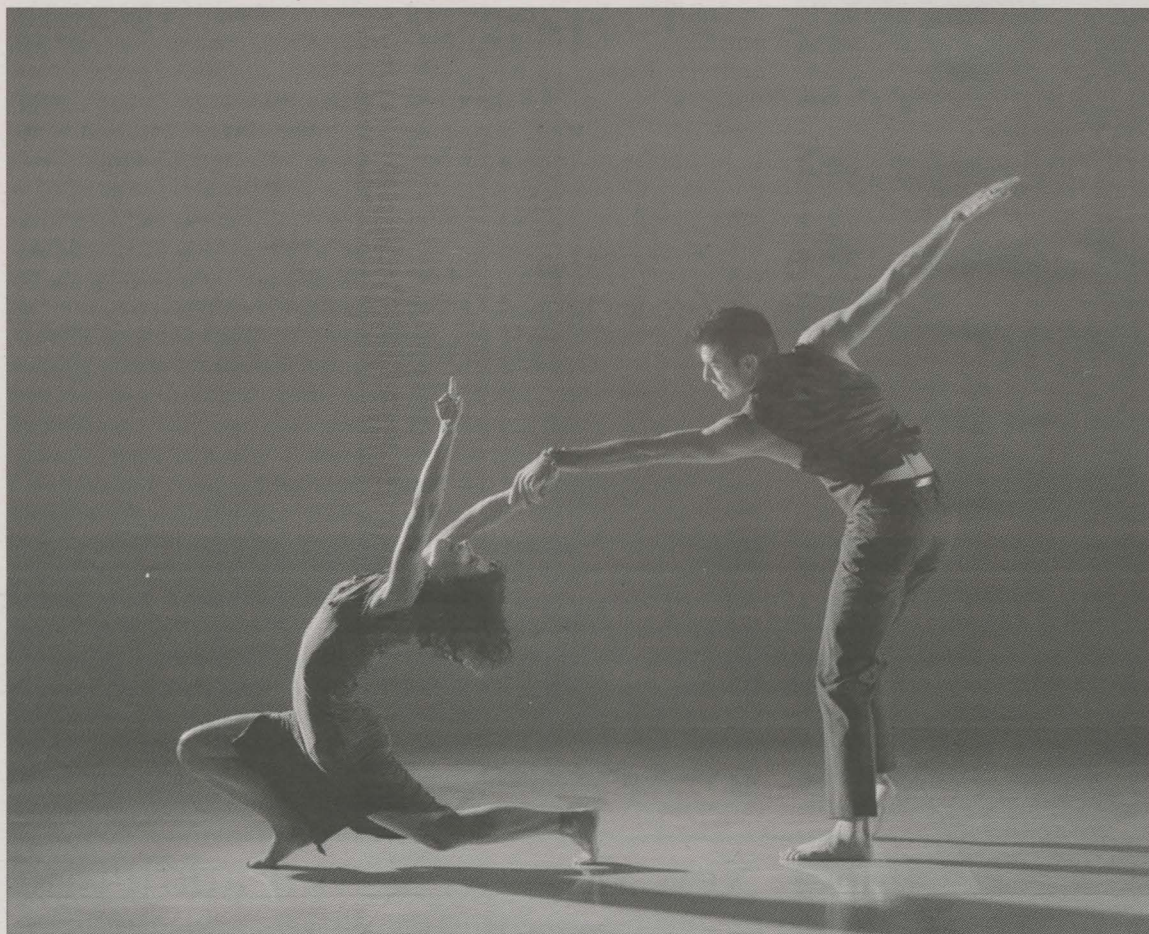
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# CULTURE

## Dance faculty talent put on display

Professor Dana Lawton impresses during her sabbatical



BY TORI STRINGER  
ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

Dana Lawton is a beloved dance professor at Saint Mary's College who took a sabbatical this semester to work on and expand her company, Dana Lawton Dances. On Oct. 3 and 4, her company performed "Beyond this Moment" at the Ashby Stage in Berkeley to packed, enthusiastic crowds.

On Friday, Oct. 4, the audience was filled with her adoring students — past, present, and future. The show featured a few dancers that had graced Saint Mary's with their presence not too long ago. This included Jerry Lin, who graduated just last year, as well as Vera Schwegler, who teaches occasionally on campus.

The show also featured six other incredibly talented and diverse performers, not to mention the musicians who played live music throughout the show.

The show opened with all the dancers entering the stage in black costumes with bright pops of red. It started with a fanciful piece, which was almost silly, in that it resembled a barn dance. When two dancers just barely touched hands, it was clear from the first moments of the show that the pieces would focus on hands and the power of touch.

The rest of the show did not disappoint as the first piece was followed by a string of duets, which highlighted the fleeting or lasting relationships between people.

The closing piece, which involved a change to all black attire, was danced to the very recognizable "Blackbird" by The Beatles and left the audience touched as the dancers finished by lying on the floor.

For those who know Dana Lawton, it was easy to see the little moments that were very much

(Courtesy of Dana Lawton Dances Facebook)

"Dana" in the choreography displayed throughout the show. She showcased a childlike innocence in one piece, and what could be interpreted as a death scene in the next. She used dynamics in the movement to vary the moods and mixed purely instrumental music with songs paired with lyrics.

Even for those who did not notice every movement or know Dana's choreography could still appreciate the emotional range she fit into such a short, 45 minute show. "Beyond This Moment" has proven to be a quality display of Dana's two long years of work, and her company has now been asked to perform in Southern California and France. Although Saint Mary's misses having Dana on campus this semester, it is great to know she is making such prominent accomplishments in the dance world, and will inevitably be welcomed back warmly next semester.

## Pumpkin-infused recipes for the season

Easy, dorm room accessible recipes to taste fall's spices

BY KATIE MACCARIELLO  
STAFF WRITER

As a kid, my favorite kind of pumpkins were always the big Jack O' Lantern kind. Carving them with my family was my favorite part of the Halloween season. Now that I am older, I prefer to use pumpkins by infusing them into the coffee many college students need to keep them awake. But, if you are not forking out five dollars for a latte every day (really, why are Pumpkin Spice Lattes so expensive?), take these ideas into consideration to make some pumpkin-rich treats you can enjoy for cheap in the comfort of your dorm room.

First, try Lemon Tree Dwelling's Pumpkin Spice Smoothie. You will need ½ cup vanilla yogurt, 2 oz. of frozen pumpkin puree, half of a frozen banana cut into 1-inch chunks, 1 to 2 tablespoons of maple syrup, ¼ tablespoon of pumpkin pie spice, and 1 cinnamon stick. Throw all of



(Courtesy of hungrycoupleinc.com)

these ingredients, except for the cinnamon stick, into the blender, and blend until it's smooth. Pour it into a glass and add the cinnamon stick for garnish.

Also, you should try Target's Pumpkin Hot Chocolate. You will need 4 cups of milk, 1 can of pumpkin, 7 heaping teaspoons of hot chocolate mix, and 2 tablespoons of packed brown sugar. Combine all of the ingredients in a saucepan, and whisk until everything is well com-

bined. Cook over medium-low heat for 5-8 minutes until the mixture is thickened and hot, but not boiling. Strain and serve hot with whipped cream and ground cinnamon. It doesn't sound like much, but this simple treat is enough to keep you satisfied with seasonal flavors.

Try these two recipes to get into the Halloween feel. Getting festive for October does not need to be difficult or expensive, and can be done conveniently.

## Bay Area Halloween events

Places to go to get into the holiday spirit

BY EVELYN MINAISE  
ASSISTANT CULTURE EDITOR

Halloween is the time of year when alter egos unfold into costumes and people take on new personas for a day. Sometimes it sounds like it would be nice to go back to the simple times of trick-or-treating on Halloween night, but there are still plenty of fun things college students can do to continue to celebrate Halloween to its fullest.

Pirates of Emerson will take place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, from 7-12 p.m. on Thursday through Sunday nights in October. Tickets are 25 dollars. This haunted park opens every year because its scary reputation always holds true. Admission gets you into haunted houses, mazes, and a "bumpkin" patch. It literally states in the website that "you have paid for us to scare you." Make your way over to the East Bay any time this month for an authentic Halloween scare.

Along with Pirates of Emerson, Fright Fest will take place at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom during park hours on the weekends. This addition to the normal Six Flags theme park gives park-goers a different way to enjoy its usual fun entertainment. The park adds "fearful frights," "monstertainment," and "spine chilling adventures." A few weekends ago, Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association (RHA) and Campus Activities Board (CAB) took students to Fright Fest; if you

heard good (as in frightful) things about their trip, be sure to check it out for yourself.

Pumpkin patches are also one of the must-go places of the Halloween season. Take it way back to the kindergarten days and visit a pumpkin patch with your friends this year. This is a fun way to enjoy the season of fall in general. The closest pumpkin patches to campus are the Piedmont Pumpkin Patch in Piedmont or Joan's Farm in Livermore.

RHA Movie Madness is also occurring on Monday nights at 9:30 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. You don't need to go far to find some Halloween entertainment. This month, RHA is hosting scary movie nights, in which each Monday has a showing of a different horror film, so you can space out your scary movie indulgences all month long. On October 21 they will show The Grudge and on October 28 they will show Insidious. Don't miss at least one of these events and bring all your friends along for the scare.

Last but not least, Interfaith Displays will occur at the Intercultural Center (IC) during the last week of October. This is another on-campus feature in which, at the end of the month, you can pay a visit to the IC (located between Café Louis and the bookstore) to view the different faith displays surrounding this time of year. It is an interesting and diverse way to view different cultures' takes on Halloween.

## Cures for midterm ills

Tips on how to survive test season

BY OLLIE REYES  
STAFF WRITER

Midterms are here if they haven't happened already and, contrary to popular belief, it doesn't have to be a traumatic experience. There are many things you can do to become extra-productive during these particular weeks, most of which have to do with managing time. There is no telling how long it will take for you to write a worthy essay or have hundreds of terms ingrained in your brain, but if you don't waste time doing other things, you'll have more time to study.

If you find yourself endlessly browsing the Internet, there are web browser extensions that prevent you from visiting time-sucking websites and help you stay focused. If you use Google Chrome, the Stay Focused extension allows you to create a "Blocked Sites" list that you want to prevent yourself from. You can then set when you want your sites blocked and for how long. There is a nuclear option where there is no way you can change your "Blocked Sites" settings ever again, but you can also set a challenging paragraph that you would need to type perfectly with no mistake in order to change your settings. There are very few work-arounds and it can be very effective. Not every extension is the same, but any extension should prevent you from wasting your time on the Internet.

But then there is still your phone: an even more accessible, portable, and equally terrible waste of time that you could spend studying for midterms or writing essays. Whether you use an Android or iOS, you can set a lock screen passcode that ideally prevents others from accessing your phone. But, in this case, you should set a tediously long passcode to keep yourself from your phone.

Other than getting rid of the two biggest time suckers, here are some other tips for the actual studying part of midterms:

It seems like a no-brainer, but write a list of every single thing you need to do, including things that aren't academic. Even listing (and hopefully checking off) things like grocery shopping, cooking, or showering is useful since all of these things take up time you need to study.

If you are going to pull an all-nighter, do not do it the day before the final. You need to be fully rested before a test, and risking that by not sleeping is something you do not want to feel the consequences of.

As much as humanly possible, do not have an emotional breakdown; they are a complete waste of time. The time you could spend doing your work doesn't need to be wasted crying about how you don't have enough time to do it. Not only is it ironic, but it is counterproductive, as you can't think straight with such a negative outlook.



# SPORTS

## Tennis teams strong in weekend invitationals

Women’s team hosts invitational; Norstrom falls to SDSU



(Courtesy of smcgaels.com)

BY CJ COSAS  
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The first day of the Saint Mary’s Fall Invitational was an undeniably good start for the Gaels. Three players from the women’s tennis team won the first round of their matches at home in the Korth Tennis Complex.

The tournament opened play for the ITA Red Division on Friday. Only four of the five players from the Saint Mary’s tennis team opened to play on Friday, but among them was junior Danielle Flores. Flores started with a bang as she won over Elanor Grossman from Loyola Marymount. She defeated Grossman in a 6-1, 6-3 win.

Not all the winning glory can just go to Flores, however,

as fellow Junior Catherine Leduc combated fiercely with Washington’s Grace Ysidora. While not as dominating of a win as Flores, Leduc bested Ysidora in a 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 match that seemed to favor Ysidora after Leduc lost the first set. Capitalizing on the success of her teammates, senior Jade Frampton closed out her match in a 6-3, 7-5 match win over Santa Clara’s Danielle Silva.

The next ITA tournament for the women’s tennis team will be at Stanford, next week, starting Saturday, Oct. 19 and ending Tuesday, Oct. 22.

While the women’s team is facing success, the men’s tennis team faced trouble as they traveled across the bridge to compete in the annual Battle

in the Bay competition in San Francisco.

Senior Joakin Norstrom made a strong first round win over San Diego’s Ciaran Fitzgerald on Friday in a decisive 6-2, 6-2 match. However, his journey up to the tournament came to a close when he lost his second round match up with San Diego State’s Thorsten Bertsch in a 6-2, 6-0 decision.

While this marked the end of Norstrom’s run at the Battle of the Bay, he and his teammates will host the ITA Northwest Regional next weekend on the familiar blue pavement of the Korth Tennis complex. The tournament will begin on Friday, Oct. 18, and will continue until the tournament comes to a close on Oct. 22.

## Men’s soccer defeats the Dons, falls to Broncos

Saint Mary’s loses their first conference game in overtime

BY EMILIO BUENROSTRO  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After coming off a monumental and memorable win against Portland in thrilling fashion, the Saint Mary’s men’s soccer team traveled across the bay to take on the San Francisco Dons at Negoesco Stadium.

Due to a strong offensive effort that saw the Gaels outshoot San Francisco 13-10 and a 7-2 advantage in shots on frame, Saint Mary’s would capture its second conference win of the season.

Junior goalkeeper Andre Rawls didn’t have that busy of a night, thanks to the Gaels’ defense that held the Dons to two shots on goal.

The match’s first goal came off an assist from last week’s hero, junior midfielder Ismail Adam, who linked with fellow junior Michael Semenza to score his first goal of the season in the 8th minute of play.

“I really didn’t do too much on that goal,” claimed Semenza. “J-How [Justin Howard] was at the top of the box, he took a shot and I was there for a follow-up. I found

myself in the right spot.”

Nearly two minutes after their first goal, freshman defender Alex Braman gave the Gaels a two-point lead, striking the ball in the back of the net off of a corner kick from sophomore Will Kendall.

Saint Mary’s wouldn’t stop their offensive pressure there, with Adam adding another goal in the 45th minute, right before the intermission break.

San Francisco couldn’t cut the deficit the rest of the game, despite a goal in the 50th minute to put them on the board.

Kendall would put the nail in the coffin in the 69th minute, scoring a free kick from 40-yards out.

With the 4-1 result, the Gaels would only be allowed to celebrate shortly, as they looked ahead to a Saturday matchup with their rivals, the Broncos of Santa Clara.

The Broncos would buck their way into Saint Mary’s Stadium looking to stop the momentum that the Gaels generated from their two prior wins.

The game against the Broncos was full of intensity and perseverance, which ultimately

ended in Saint Mary’s enduring their first conference loss of the season.

Santa Clara would strike first, with a goal from Senior Midfielder Harrison Hanley in the 74th minute of play.

However, as they have showcased in their past few games, the Gaels would continue to fight and show the resiliency that we have been so accustomed to seeing.

Freshman Carlo Eikani would equalize the game in the 86th minute for Saint Mary’s, giving them another chance to repeat last week’s story of capturing a win in overtime.

Unfortunately, the story would end differently, with Santa Clara Midfielder Edson Cardona ending the match six minutes into overtime, handing the Gaels their first conference loss of the season.

Next for Saint Mary’s is a trip down south, as they take on Loyola Marymount on Friday, October 18 in Los Angeles at 5:30 p.m.

Two days later, the Gaels will travel about two hours south of Los Angeles to take on San Diego at 2:00 p.m.

## Women’s soccer falls to Pacific

Tigers defeat Gaels with a one goal win



(Courtesy of smcgaels.com)

BY LUIS HERNANDEZ  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Oct. 11, the Saint Mary’s women’s soccer team faced off against Pacific University at home for their second conference game. Despite what appeared to be a goalless match, the tigers capitalized with a goal during an overtime decision for a 1-0 victory. With their first loss at home, the Gaels find themselves standing 1-1, after their victory last week over San Francisco.

The game began with both sides playing a tactical and aggressive first half. Despite a scoreless first half at 0-0, there were several attempts from both sides with seven attempts from Pacific, and two from the Gaels. Briana Campos almost gave a lead to Saint Mary’s during the first half with an on target shot, but was deflected by the Tiger’s Goalkeeper.

The second half showed much more energy, as the Gaels kept the pressure on the Tigers with several chances on goal. It wasn’t until the 77th minute, that the game received its first and only red card by Pacific’s Milan Cabrera. With a player down, the Gaels outshot Pacific

6-2. Caroline Beaulne led the Gaels with three on target shots, while Campos, Jessica Castillo, and Samantha Dion, kept up the pressure with two shots each.

It was ultimately Pacific’s Maricela Padilla that took the glory with a golden goal during the 95th minute mark. After an SMC turnover, Pacific’s Zarette Munoz-Aguilar flew past a Saint Mary’s defender, and assisted Padilla with a sliding pass to strike it home.

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“Both teams worked hard today,” said head coach Kai Edwards. “We had chances to be successful and they capitalized on our mistake.” With a 1-1 start in this year’s West Coast Conference, the Gaels still have time to develop a much more tactical and offensive gameplay.

Perhaps with this loss, the Gaels can bounce back as winners in next week’s game against Santa Clara on Friday, Oct. 18, here at home. Go out support the team, and as always, go Gaels!

## Saint Mary’s club spotlight

Women’s soccer thrives for an undefeated season

BY EMILIO BUENROSTRO  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Although they don’t compete in the NCAA, the Saint Mary’s Women’s Club Soccer team plays the sport with just as much passion and intensity as the Division I teams do.

The team deserves respect, and rightfully so, enduring an undefeated season thus far that has seen them shutout three of their six games, convincingly.

Led by Head Coach Chris Jones, the Gaels have been able to quickly develop the team chemistry and camaraderie needed to dominate their opponents.

Aiding Jones on the sidelines are assistant coaches Molly

Matles and Rachel Shelton.

Their most impressive win of the season as to date was a 9-0 win against Pacific on September 15.

The team consists of 22 players, seven of which are seniors, eight are juniors, two are sophomores, and five are freshmen.

As they currently hold an undefeated record that consists of five wins and one tie, the Gaels are poised to continue their strong play with three games left in their schedule.

Their next game will be held on the October 20 at 11:00 a.m. on campus against Chico.

Come support your Gaels as they battle against the Wildcats to maintain their undefeated record.

### SPORTS THIS WEEK

**Volleyball**  
Thurs. @ San Francisco 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. @ Santa Clara 4:00 p.m.

**Cross Country**  
Sat. @ Santa Clara Invitational

**Men’s Soccer**  
Fri. @ LMU 5:30 p.m.

**Women’s Soccer**  
Fri. vs. Santa Clara 4:00 p.m.

**Women’s Tennis**  
Sat.-Sun. @ ITA Regionals

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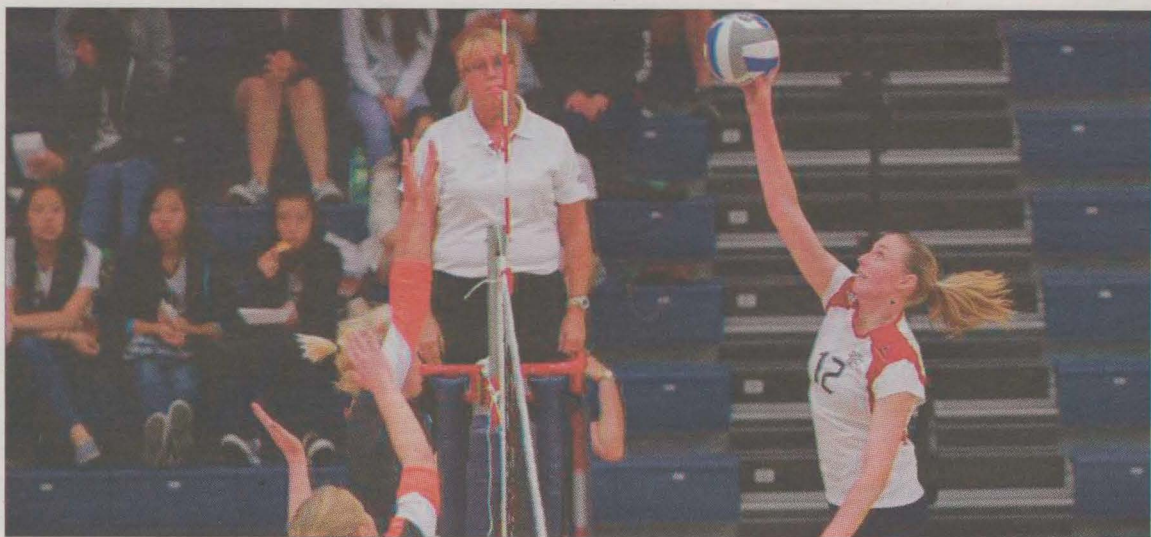
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# SPORTS

## Volleyball still undefeated at McKeon

After two wins at home, Saint Mary's sits second in league standings



(Courtesy of smcgaels.com)

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The Saint Mary's women's volleyball team added two more wins to their conference record, defeating both the Loyola Marymount Lions and Pepperdine Waves.

The Gaels welcomed the Lions to McKeon Pavilion last Thursday, hoping to maintain its undefeated play at home.

Although Loyola Marymount came into Moraga owning a 3-3 conference record, Saint Mary's Head Coach Rob Browning didn't want his team to overlook the talent that the Lions had.

"I think they have four conference losses and all of them have been in five games. That's just simply bad luck," said Browning. "They're a really good team and they could very easily be at the top of the conference right now."

Fresh off their win against Pacific from the preceding week, the Gaels looked to maintain their conference dominance.

The first set went against the favor of Saint Mary's, as they lost a tightly contested first set, 22-25. The second set would tell a different story, with the Gaels winning 25-13, showing the strong play that they had showcased earlier in the season.

From then on out, the rest of the match would battle test Saint Mary's, proving to be one of their most difficult and intense matches as to date.

The Gaels would go on to capture the third set, 25-20. However,

the Lions weren't easily tamed, regaining momentum to win the fourth set, 25-20, and tying the match at two games apiece.

It would come to a fifth and decisive set to ultimately decide the match. Yet, Saint Mary's showed no signs of nervousness or fatigue.

They would go on to open the match with a 7-1 run, thanks to an offensive surge that the Lions couldn't control. The Gaels would go on to win the set 15-7, and ultimately the match, thanks to a strong showing from senior outside hitter Jordan Shaw, who continued her impressive season by recording 20 kills, 12 digs, and three aces in the win against Loyola Marymount.

Also contributing to win was fellow senior outside hitter Kristina Graven with 18 kills. Sophomore setter Dalas Dodd did a phenomenal job of setting up her teammates, recording 41 assists in the match.

Three days later, the Gaels would welcome another team from Southern California to McKeon Pavilion, this time being the Pepperdine Waves.

Fortunately for Saint Mary's, the Waves served as no threat of wiping out their undefeated home record.

The Gaels swept Pepperdine in three quick sets: 25-18, 25-23, 27-25.

The first set entailed of a back and forth battle that saw the two teams interchange leads. Saint Mary's would go on a run midway through the set to claim the lead.

In the second set, Pepperdine would go on to capture an early lead. Yet, similar to the first set, the Gaels

would be fueled by their offensive attack, using another run to go up two sets to none.

Saint Mary's was able to ride out another early lead by the Waves in the third set, and continued to use a well balanced attack to take the set and ultimately the match, 27-25.

Although they came away with the win and maintained their undefeated streak at home alive, there was still some concern about the early deficits that they had found themselves in.

"The fact that we dug those holes for ourselves is not something we're happy about," said Browning. "I think we played below our level for much of the match and that's disappointing."

Shaw continued her strong play from three days prior, contributing 17 kills and eight digs for the Gaels. Graven also recorded 10 kills with junior outside hitter Danica Mendivil recording six kills and 12 digs herself.

With the wins, the Gaels now carry a 6-1 WCC record (10-5 overall).

Currently on a four game win streak, three of which came at home, Saint Mary's will be going on a two game road trip, both of which will be within close proximity of Moraga.

The Gaels will travel across the bay on Thursday, October 17 for a 6:30 p.m. matchup against San Francisco.

Three days later, they will head to the south bay to go up against Santa Clara, which commences at 1:00 p.m.

## Golf finishes fifth in Akron

Gaels surge late at Firestone Invitational



(Courtesy of smcgaels.com)

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The Saint Mary's golf team made a late surge at the final round of the Firestone Invitational, however it wasn't enough for the Gaels as they finished fifth among the 17-team field at the Firestone Country Club North Course.

The Gaels improved by 21 strokes to register scores of 292-304-283 and finish the tournament with a 15-over par 879, just two strokes behind third place Kansas State. USC-Aiken earned the team title with a 7-over par 871, while Washington State took second at plus-9.

Saint Mary's sophomore Maclayne Marr recorded the second-highest finish of his collegiate career, finishing in a 5-way tie for eighth place. He entered the final round at 2-over par and tied for 13th place. He started slow, scoring a pair of bogeys to start the round. But, three birdies before making the turn put him at 1-over for the tournament before another pair of bogeys on holes 10 and 11 put him back at one over. Three-straight birdies finished the round and gave him a 2-under par for the day and even par for the tournament.

His previous best finish was a fourth place effort at last year's PING Cougar Classic in Provo, Utah.

Senior Cody Robinson carded the lowest score of the day among the six competing Gaels and he equaled the third lowest

in the field at 3-under par 69. The Discovery Bay, Calif. native finished the tournament in a 5-way tie for 27th place with rounds of 75-77-69 for a 54-hole total of 5-over par 221.

Alex Bungert shot rounds of 72-79-71 and finished tied for 32nd at 6-over 222, while senior classmate Dalan Refioglu finished tied for 37th in the 90-player field with a 7-over 223. Junior transfer Tye Gabriel

Of the 17 teams that participated in the Firestone Invitational, the Gaels were able to finish fifth.

tied for 44th overall with an 8-over 224 after scoring rounds of 73-78-73.

Freshman Hunter Rappleye, playing as an individual, finished tied for 68th with rounds of 74-78-78.

After day one Sophomore Maclayne Marr lead the Gaels and shot a 2-over par 146 and was tied for 13th place after the first two rounds.

As a team, Saint Mary's posted rounds of 292-304 for a 20-over par 596. The Gaels finished the first day of competition in eighth place among the 17-team field.

The Gaels return to action for their final event of the fall season on Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at the Pacific Invitational at Stockton Country Club.

## Athlete of the Week

Jordan Shaw  
Volleyball



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Senior Jordan Shaw helped the Gaels stay undefeated at home this season, averaging 18.5 kills and 10 digs in two games against LMU and Pepperdine.

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